(g) The following efforts aremade to check/control of pilferage of coal:

(i) Check Posts have been established at the vulnerable points.

(ii) Wall fencing, light arrangements and deployment of armed guards round the clock have been done around the coal dumping yard.

(iii) Regular patrolling is conducted in an around the mine including OB dumps.

(iv) Armed Guards have been deployed at Railway sidings.

(v) Interaction and liaison with District officials at regular intervals and holding meeting with District Collector and District administration, every month.

(vi) Challans for coal transportation by trucks outside the district are being issued after fixing hologram and putting signatures of authorized officials of CISF to check pilferage.

(vii) Regular FIRs are lodged by the management of collieries and CISF with local police stations against pilferage/theft of coal. A close watch on the activities of criminals is being maintained by CISF.

(viii) Management has been taking action for filling/dozing/sealing/blasting of the old/abandoned/exposed coalfaces in a phased manner.

(ix) State Governments have been requested from time to time by Ministry of Coal to take effective measures to check and control pilferage/theft of coal.

Setting up of power plants in Jharkhand

†1408. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that alongwith National Thermal Power Corporation, Coal India Limited propose to set up jointly two power plants in Jharkhand;

(b) if so, details thereof; and

(c) the time by when the work on these projects is likely to commence?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Division of Nuagaon Telisahi Coal Block

1409. SHRI PENUMALLI MADHU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the AP Government's proposal to divide Nuagaon Telisahi Coal Block into two blocks has been accepted by Government; and

(b) if not, the reasons for the delay because the AP Government's proposal is based on the recommendation of Geological Survey of India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO): (a) and (b) Nuagaon Telisahi coal block, allocated jointly to M/s Orissa

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.